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1. SUMMARY: AFTER A CAREFUL SURVEY OF THE CHANCERY'S
SECOND FLOOR LIMITED ACCESS AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING
A MAJOR REALLOCATION OF OFFICE SPACE RESULTING IN THE CON-
SOLIDATION OF THE SUBSTANTIVE SECTIONS, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS
AUTHORIZATION AND DEPARTMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO RELOCATE ITS
ACR FROM THE PRESENT SOUTH WING PARENT ROOM TO A PARENT
ROOM THE OTHER END OF THE WEST WING CORRIDOR. END SUMMARY

2. TO PROVIDE A MORE REALISTIC AND EFFICIENT UTILIZATION
OF OFFICE SPACE FOR THE POLITICAL/MUTUAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
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THE SOUTH WING OF THE CHANCERY'S SECOND FLOOR LIMITED
ACCESS AREA IN OFFICES AROUND THE PRESENT ACR. THIS
SHIFT AND CONSOLIDATION OF POL/MSA WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY:

A. MOVING THE TEMPORARY PLYWOOD PARTITION AT THE END
OF THE SOUTH WING (INITIALLY INSTALLED TO CREATE ONE
ADDITIONAL OFFICE AT THE END OF THAT CORRIDOR) TO THE

MIDDLE OF THAT WING;

B. ESTABLISHING OFFICES FOR THE THREE POL/MSA SECRETARIES IN THE CORRIDOR AREA (ONE SECRETARY IN THE AREA FORMERLY UTILIZED AS AN OFFICE AND THE REMAINING TWO SECRETARIES IN THE NEW OFFICE SPACE CREATED BY MOVING THE PARTITION TO THE MIDDLE OF THE SOUTH WING CORRIDOR);

C. PARTITIONING THE DOUBLE POL OFFICE FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY TWO SECRETARIES INTO TWO INDIVIDUAL OFFICES, AND

D. ADDING ADDITIONAL LIGHTS IN THE NEWLY CREATED CORRIDOR AREA AND INSTALLING LARGER DOOR AIR VENTS IN THE DOOR LEADING FROM THIS AREA TO THE MAIN CORRIDOR.

3. PERSONNEL OF THE ECONOMIC SECTION (ECON), HOWEVER, ARE STILL SCATTERED IN THREE DIFFERENT OFFICE AREAS OF BOTH THE SOUTH AND WEST WINGS OF THE SECOND FLOOR IN A DEPLORABLY INEFFICIENT OFFICE ARRANGEMENT. THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE ECON SECTION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MOVING THE ACR FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTH WING TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE WEST WING, IN THE OFFICE AREA IMMEDIATELY BEYOND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES AREA.

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THE RELOCATION OF THE ACR IN THE WEST WING WILL PROVIDE ONE ADDITIONAL DOUBLE AND ONE SINGLE OFFICE IN THE AREA VACATED BY THE ACR. THESE OFFICES WILL ALLOW POL/MSA TO FURTHER CONSOLIDATE ITS OFFICE COMPLEX AT THE SOUTH END OF THE SOUTH WING. THE SPACE THUS GAINED WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE ECON SECTION, WHICH WILL THEN BE ABLE TO CONSOLIDATE ALL OF ITS PERSONNEL IN THE SOUTH WING. RELOCATING THE ACR IN THE WEST WING (IN THE AREA OCCUPIED BY OFFICE NO 218 AND 1/2 OF OFFICE NO 220), HAS THE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGE OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE, BUT NOT IDEAL, OFFICE SPACE FOR POL/MSA AND ECON PERSONNEL. THE EFFICIENCY AND CONVENIENCE GAINED AS A RESULT OF HAVING OFFICES PLACED WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE AREAS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SUPERVISORS AND SECRETARIES, AN ARRANGEMENT NORMALLY TAKEN FOR GRANTED AT MOST POSTS, WILL BE A MOST WELCOME CHANGE IN ANKARA.

4. EXAMINATION OF THE CHANCERY FLOOR PLANS AND STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS REVEALS THAT THE SIX INCH MASONRY WALL TO BE REMOVED IN THE WEST WING TO ACCOMMODATE THE ACR IS NOT LOAD-BEARING WALL. THE WALL TO BE REMOVED IS

IDENTICAL TO THE WALL THAT WAS REMOVED TO LOCATE THE
ACR IN ITS PRESENT SOUTH WING LOCATION.

5. REQUEST TSO ATHENS VISIT ANKARA ASAP TO SURVEY
WORK REQUIRED TO RELOCATE ACR AS THIS PROJECT WILL
EXCEED PARAMETERS OF ORIGINALLY PROPOSED ACR WORK.

6. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERA-
TION AND EARLY APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSED PROJECT TO
BEGIN THE WORK DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER FY-78 AS
PROJECTED BY TSO ATHENS (SEE ATHENS 3831). DRAWINGS
SPECIFICATIONS AND COST ESTIMATES ARE BEING FORWARDED
TO A/FBO AND TSO ATHENS UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

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